



Domestic Violence Judicial Institute
Enhancing Judicial Skills In Domestic Violence Cases
June 6–8, 2004
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, San Francisco

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) cordially invites you to attend this continuing education program for the California judiciary. This institute is presented under the auspices of the Violence Against Women Education Project (VAWEP). VAWEP is an initiative designed to provide the courts with information, educational materials, and training on the court's role in responding to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases. VAWEP is administered by the Center for Families, Children & the Courts in collaboration with CJER, the Education Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The project is funded by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Services with resources from the federal Office on Violence Against Women.

ELIGIBILITY

The institute is open to all judicial officers, but it will be of special interest to those assigned to a criminal, juvenile, or family law department or who soon will be assigned to cases involving domestic violence allegations. **Enrollment is limited to 50 participants.** The institute is designed for judicial officers seeking basic information about these cases and would not be useful for judicial officers who attended the same program in San Mateo in May 2003.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The institute is based on a national interdisciplinary curriculum developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The program will include workshops on fact-finding, fairness and cultural issues in domestic violence cases, decision-making skills and enforcement, victim behavior, and perpetrator behavior. The program will also include sessions designed to engage judicial officers in practical courtroom exercises that will address the complexity of domestic violence cases and the specific issues facing California judicial officers. Sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

Please notify your presiding judge promptly if you plan to attend. In addition, please complete the registration form accompanying this announcement and return the form as soon as possible. We hope you will join us for this informative and enjoyable judicial conference.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

For hotel reservations, please call the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway at 415-441-4000 and mention the group "GDV." Note that the deadline for reserving a room at the guaranteed rate of \$110 per night plus tax is **Sunday, May 30, 2004**. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the room block is limited, you are advised to make your reservations early. After this date, rooms will be released for general sale and may not be available at the group rate. If for any reason you cannot attend the meeting, please call the hotel directly to cancel your reservation to avoid any penalty.

The AOC's room block includes only enough rooms to accommodate participants. If you need additional rooms, please reserve them outside the AOC's room block.

Holiday Inn Golden Gateway
1500 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94109
415-441-4000

FUNDING FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES

Participants will be reimbursed for two nights of lodging on June 6 and 7 only, and transportation and per diem expenses up to the State rate. Participants must attend the entire program in order to qualify for reimbursement. Participants whose home or court is within 25 miles of the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway are not qualified for lodging reimbursement. You must make your own lodging reservations by the hotel reservation deadline, and you remain individually responsible for any cancellation charges and incidental expenses.

The AOC will pay directly for group meals for participants who attend the entire program and you will be included in all meal counts. "Attending the entire program" means arriving before the program begins and staying until the program officially ends. Those who do not attend the entire program will remain individually responsible for their own lodging, mileage, and group meal expenses.

MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (MCLE)

The AOC is a certified provider of MCLE credit by the State Bar of California. MCLE forms for 16 hours of credit will be available at the program.

CANCELLATION

If you are unable to attend the program, please cancel in writing by **May 28, 2004**. Fax or e-mail your cancellation to Jenny Tang at 415-865-7217 or jenny.tang@jud.ca.gov. Because hotel, food, and beverage costs are guaranteed, you may be charged for these expenses if you cancel after this date.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Judicial Council of California supports the Americans With Disabilities Act, which promotes public accessibility for persons with disabilities. If you require special equipment or services, please contact Jenny Tang at 415-865-7961 or jenny.tang@jud.ca.gov.

CFCC PROGRAM STAFF

Bobbie Welling, Supervising Attorney, VAWEP Project Manager
Leilah Gilligan, Court Services Analyst
Jenny Tang, Administrative Coordinator

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 1:00–1:45 p.m. | Welcome, Overview, and Introductions |
| 1:45–5:00 p.m. | (Group Breakout Sessions)
Practical Courtroom Exercises
Participants will move among five breakout rooms to participate in a series of practical courtroom exercises designed to help them identify issues involving domestic violence. |
| 6:00–8:00 p.m. | Working Group Dinner |
| 8:00 p.m. | Adjourn |
-

MONDAY, JUNE 7

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 7:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00–11:30 a.m. | Plenary Sessions

Victim and Perpetrator Behavior
This segment will help participants understand the motivation and behavior of perpetrators and adult and child victims. |
| 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Working Group Lunch |
| 1:00–4:30 p.m. | Fact-Finding
Participants will learn how to apply an understanding of domestic violence to judicial fact-finding and identify evidentiary issues that are of primary concern for judges. |
| 4:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

7:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Plenary Sessions

8:00–11:30 a.m.

Fairness and Cultural Issues in Domestic Violence Cases

Participants will formulate definitions of culture and cultural competence, discuss the dynamics of difference, and identify ways in which culture is relevant in the courtroom.

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Working Group Lunch

1:00–4:15 p.m.

Decision-Making Skills and Enforcement

This segment focuses on how judges can apply the law to the facts in cases involving domestic violence, and how they can effectively enhance compliance with their orders.

4:15–4:30 p.m.

Institute Closure and Evaluation

4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

CONFIRMED NATIONAL FACULTY

Hon. Peter Macdonald (Ret.)
Third District Court
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Shaun Wardinsky, J.D.
Yates, Matthews, Morasch, P.C.
Portland, Oregon

Sujata Warrier, Ph.D.
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
New York, NY

CONFIRMED CALIFORNIA FACULTY

Hon. Sherrill Ellsworth, Team Leader
Superior Court of California,
County of Riverside

Hon. Norma Castellanos-Perez
Superior Court of California,
County of Tulare

Hon. Scott Gordon
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

Hon. Harold Kahn
Superior Court of California,
County of San Francisco

Hon. Gretchen Taylor
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

Hon. Glenda Veasey
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

(Other faculty to be determined)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN EDUCATION PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE

MS. DIANA ALMANZA
Executive Director
A Women's Place of Merced County

HON. DEBORAH B. ANDREWS
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

MS. ELLYNE BELL
Executive Director
California Alliance Against
Domestic Violence

MS. LINDA BERGER
Executive Director
Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women

MS. JAN BULLARD
Senior Law Enforcement Consultant
Commission on POST

HON. KENNETH MARK BURR
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Alameda

MS. MARYBETH CARTER
Executive Director
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault

HON. NORMA CASTELLANOS-PEREZ
Commissioner of the
Superior Court of California, County of Tulare

MS. EMBERLY CROSS
Coordinating Attorney
Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic

MR. BILL DAVIDSON
Chief Probation Officer
Merced County Probation Department

MS. SARAH DEER
Staff Attorney
Tribal Law and Policy Institute

HON. BECKY DUGAN
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Riverside

HON. HARRY MARK ELIAS
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of San Diego

HON. SCOTT GORDON
Commissioner of the
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

HON. MARY ANN GRILLI
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Santa Clara

HON. DONNA J. HITCHENS
Presiding Judge of the
Superior Court of California,
County of San Francisco

DR. E. RONALD HULBERT
Deputy Executive Officer
Superior Court of California,
County of Riverside

HON. EUGENE MICHAEL HYMAN
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Santa Clara

MS. KATE KILLEEN
Deputy Executive Director
California District Attorneys Association

MR. RICK LAYON
Layon & Holck, A.P.L.C.

MS. KIRAN KINI MALHOLTRA
Associate Director
Statewide California Coalition for
Battered Women

MS. NANCY O'MALLEY
Chief Assistant District Attorney
Alameda County
District Attorney's Office

MS. MARILYN PETERSON
Director
UCDMC CAARE Diagnostic and
Treatment Center/California Medical
Training Center at UC Davis

HON. REBECCA S. RILEY
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Ventura

HON. GRETCHEN TAYLOR
Commissioner of the
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

HON. GLENDA VEASEY
Commissioner of the
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

The preparation of this publication was financially assisted through Grant Award Number CW03021535 from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Services (OES). The opinions, findings, and conclusions in this publication are those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of OES. OES reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use these materials and authorize others to do so.